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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, ELAB, PINT, HO

SUBJECT: GOH-CAMPESINO NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 2195

1. LABOFF HAS LEARNED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING BETWEEN GOH AND CAMPESINO GROUPS AS OF MAY 30. SEPARATE SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD WITH THE NORTH COAST (FESITRANH) ANACH AND THE SOUTHERN BASED UNC. ANACH LEADERS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE GOH IS GOING TO ISSUE A DECREE CON-DEMNING LANDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE LAND TO MOST NEEDY ANACH AFFILIATES.

2. INA DIRECTOR LT. COLONEL MARIO MALDONADO AND CHIEF OF STATE COLONEL MELGAR ARE PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS. ANACH LEADERS PERCEIVE A SPLIT DEVELOPING WITH THE GOH WITH MELGAR AND NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER FERNANDO MONTES ON ONE SIDE AND MALDONADO ON THE OTHER ANACH BELIEVES THAT MALDONADO ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL AND FAVORS ANACH OVER THE UNC  
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AS A RETRIBUTION FOR THE LATTER'S LAND INVASIONS. MONTES,

BEING TIED TO THE UNC AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, WISHES TO WORK THROUGH UNC. ACCORDING TO ANACH, DURING THE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS MELGAR HAS SHOWN RELUCTANCE TO DEAL WITH EITHER GROUP, PROVOKING THE ACCUSATION THAT HE IS ANTI-REFORM. IN ONE SESSION HE REPORTEDLY STRONGLY DENIED THAT CHARGE.

3. ALTHOUGH ANACH EXPECTS QUICK ACTION FROM THE GOH IT IS CONTINUING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR MASSIVE INVASIONS IF THE TALKS FAIL.

4. THE ANACH PERCEPTION ABOUT A SPLIT WITHIN THE GOH ON AGRARIAN REFORM SERVES TO CONFIRM EARLIER REPORTS THAT THERE IS A DEVELOPING RIVALRY BETWEEN MONTES AND MALDONADO. IF MALDONADO DOES IN FACT ENJOY THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE CONCIL MONTES WILL HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME HAVING HIS WAY. ANACH SEC GEN ANTONIO JULIN BELIEVS THAT THIS COMPETITION WILL SOON RESULT IN MONTES' DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ANACH'S CASE IS LIKELY OVERSTATE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ANACH IS DELIBERATELY BEING LED TO BELIEVE IT IS THE FAVORED GROUP TO PREVENT RASH ACTION. ALSO, THEY MAY BE SEEING MORE CONFLICTS BETWEEN MONTES AND MALDONADO THAT ACUTALLY EXISTS. SANCHEZ

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